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# Baseball: Angels' Smith prepares for preseason by training with Wright State

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Los Angeles Angels pitcher Joe Smith was at Wright State for several weeks earlier this month training with current Raiders before joining the Angels' spring training last week.

Smith was in Fairborn not only to get ready for his first season with the Angels after spending five seasons with Cleveland, he was in town to accept a spot in the WSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

The move to Los Angeles is a big one for the Cincinnati native who has spent all but two years of his baseball career in Ohio. But the Angels' offer was too good to turn down for Smith.

The Angels offered him a three-year, \$15.75 million contract. It also allows him to be with his fiancée Allie LaForce who recently moved to Los Angeles to co-host a program on CBS Sports.

Smith sat out his first year on campus and was rather average his redshirt freshman year when he had a 2-2 record and a 2.75 ERA. Smith had to battle for playing time while at Wright State.

"We had a large senior class my fourth year and their senior year and we all came in as freshmen, 16 of us and we had the same group of guys all four years here," Smith said.

Current Wright State head coach Greg Lovelady started working with Smith during his redshirt sophomore season. Lovelady said he saw incredible growth from Smith during his time at Wright State.

"When I first got here, he was the total opposite of a big leaguer," Lovelady said. "He was out of shape, lazy, didn't really have a lot of cares in the world. A very good competitor. When it was competition time, you could tell he would care and didn't want to lose."

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Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim pitcher Joe Smith returned to Fairborn earlier this month to help the Raiders prepare for the upcoming season.

# Catalytic converter thefts raise questions of campus security



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons  
Catalytic converter still attached to this vehicle.

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Between Jan. 21 and Feb. 11, there were four reported thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles parked on Wright State's campus.

Graduate student Shotaro Hakoyama was one of the first victims of this string of crimes. His vehicle was parked in Lot 4 for a mere eight hours, during which time the thieves were able to make off with his catalytic converter. He was shocked and upset by the theft and did not realize that catalytic converters were a common target.

"Car repair is expensive and really inconvenient," Hakoyama wrote. "I really don't understand why some people feel comfortable causing that much harm to others for petty cash."

Thieves typically sell the stolen converters to scrapyards for a few hundred dollars. The catalytic converters are valued for their precious metal content, including platinum, palladium and rhodium. To crack down on these thefts, many states have passed legislation mandating that scrap dealers maintain identification records for sellers. The Ohio Revised Code specifically mentions catalytic converters in its scrap

metal regulations.

Estimates for repairs to vehicles that have had their converters stolen range from \$300 to \$2,100, according to some of the victims.

Computer science student Michael Reeder had heard about these crimes in the past, but he did not think of them happening on college campuses.

"That is pretty scary that there is a chance I could be \$2,000 out while I'm in class," Reeder said.

Another of the recent victims,

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## Wednesday, Feb. 19

- Adventures in the Literary Arts: 6-7:15 p.m. Pathfinder Lounge, Student Union

## Friday, Feb. 21

- Race, Class, Gender, Sexuality Symposium: all day, Apollo Room
- Men's Basketball v. Detroit: 10 p.m. Ervin J. Nutter Center

## Sunday, Feb. 23

- Paul Laurence Dunbar Chorale: 5:30-7 p.m. Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

## Saturday, Feb. 24

- ODK Leader 2 Leader Conference: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Apollo Room

## Tuesday, Feb. 25

- Men's Basketball v. Valparaiso: 7 p.m. Ervin J. Nutter Center

## Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Poetry Above and Below: 5-6:30 p.m. Robert & Elaine Stein Gallery
- "Inequality for All" Film screening & discussion: 8 p.m. 112 Oelman Hall

## Thursday, Feb. 27

- Dr. Barbara Winslow Black History Month lecture: 5-7 p.m. Millett Hall Atrium
- Women's Basketball v. Green Bay: 7 p.m. Ervin J. Nutter Center
- University Chorus & Women's Chorale: 8 p.m. Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

## Sunday, March 2

- Spring Break begins

## Monday, March 10

- Classes resume
- First day of B term classes



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# Faculty Senate pursuing ongoing changes to admissions policy

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Following up on entrance requirement changes that were approved in September of 2013, which eliminated the requirement of an ACT or SAT score for admission, the Wright State Faculty Senate will review a revised policy proposal in March, reflecting more recent changes to Ohio's high school graduation requirements.

The September change allows applicants to be admitted with either a 2.0 high school grade point average (GPA) and the previous test score requirements or a 2.5 GPA and no test scores.

Fine Arts student Danielle Stumbo had mixed feelings about this change.

"I don't necessarily agree with standardized testing, but at the same time a certain level of intelligence and initiative should be able to be expressed from a student wishing to further their

education, and there is no way to know that a student has the necessary knowledge to be successful in undertaking undergraduate studies without some form of aptitude testing for general capabilities," Stumbo said. "I think taking away the SAT/ACT admissions requirements may get the school a lot more students, but not necessarily the kind that will make the school stand out as one that yields a high output of well educated, intelligent and successful alumni."

A revised policy proposal is expected before the Faculty Senate in March, to be approved, modified or rejected in April, according to Chair of the Faculty Senate's Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee Travis Doom.

"Starting with the graduating class of 2014, Ohio changed the curriculum requirements (units of English, health, mathematics, etc) required for high school graduation," Doom wrote in an email. "WSU's admission policy

is being revised to reflect the new expectations of our incoming student body."

Doom described some of the changes to the Ohio core standards.

"For example, the 2014 Ohio high school core requires an extra year of mathematics but does not mandate any study of a foreign language," Doom wrote. "Therefore, WSU's new policy should not consider an incoming student that has not studied a foreign language 'deficient,' but a 2014 graduate that does not have four years mathematics will now be considered 'deficient.'"

"Student learning outcomes are a constantly moving target, changed by advances in understanding, economic needs and legislation; therefore, 2014 Ohio high school graduates will not be 'less prepared' for college, but they will be 'differently' (and perhaps better) prepared," Doom wrote. "Universities statewide will be preparing for this change."

# Night rides still 2 years away

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The Greene CATS public transit system wants to increase evening services on campus, but will likely wait until 2016 to make changes.

Their goal is to eventually extend daily flex routes an extra three hours to help accommodate students with night classes. CATS is currently unable to offer scheduled flex routes past 6p.m. due to budget constraints.

"Unfortunately, lack of funding keeps us from providing service we know is needed in our community, such as expanding our flex route service later into the evenings and on weekends. We are seeking funds through a federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to meet this need," said Executive Director Ken Collier. CMAQ is a federal program that was created to help improve air quality.

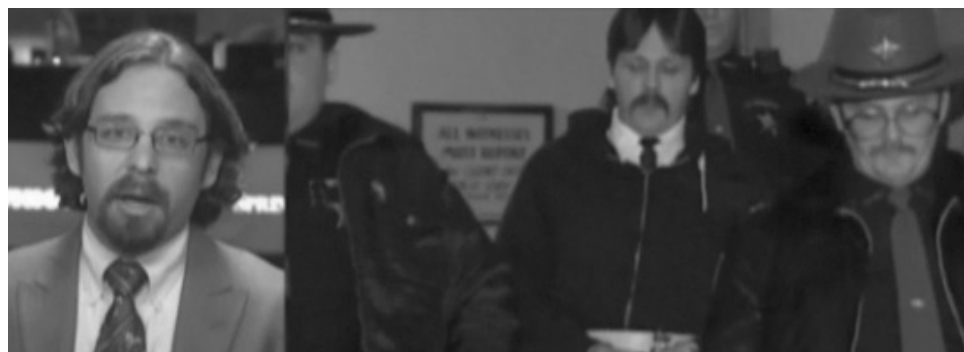
Transportation (cars, trucks) accounts for 29 percent of U.S. Greenhouse gas emissions according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Choosing

to use public transportation instead of driving individually, can help limit emission impact.

Servicing the residents of Greene County, CATS offers students the ability to ride for as little as \$1.50. Service agreements with Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and Green County Department of Job and Family Services allows CATS to keep prices low for the general public, as well as offer discounted rates to individuals who qualify.

Greene CATS is available to all students and offers reliable public transportation around the Greene County area. Offering two different types of services, CATS gives the option to schedule your own ride (Demand Responsive), or take a scheduled route (Flex Routes). "Our Demand Responsive service is available from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week and provides user requested rides on a space available basis, that are scheduled in advance through our office," said Collier.

# WSU grad recounts controversial McGuire execution in detail



Sweigart (Left) witnessed execution of McGuire in January

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Dayton Daily News staff writer and Wright State graduate Josh Sweigart recounted in detail his firsthand experience with the controversial Dennis McGuire execution.

On Jan. 16, convicted killer and death row inmate Dennis McGuire, 52, died slowly over 25 minutes after being dosed with an experimental combination of the sedative midazolam

and painkiller hydromorphone. Reporters, Sweigart included, and McGuire's family were there to witness the event.

"Serving as a media witness at an execution is a somber and important responsibility," Sweigart said, noting that executions are not recorded, and only observed and represented through the witnesses.

Sweigart reprised the details of the execution in several stories.

"The question I'm asked most

often is, 'what was it like?' " said Sweigart. "'How did it feel to watch?' " The experience, he said, was long and uncomfortable. "His family [was] crying,

everyone wondering how long it would take."

Sweigart wrote an eyewitness account a day after the execution.

"I was one of four media witnesses to the execution of Dennis McGuire. . .on Thursday," he wrote. "It is a heavy responsibility: representing the public that agreed. . .that some crimes are so heinous they necessitate taking the culprit's life."

His role was to observe and report to the public what he saw, using a clock on the back wall of the death chamber to

keep time.

"By 10:07 we entered the death house and went down a short hallway into the conjoined witness rooms," he said, noting the glass panes separating them from the room, and the cushioned table on the other side.

"Out of sight and earshot, procedures dictate the prison warden was then reading McGuire his death warrant," Sweigart continued. "They walked into the beige-walled death chamber at 10:12," and laid him down onto the table.

A curtain was drawn over the window, and then withdrawn at 10:26. Sweigart noticed how sparse the room was. "There was no heart monitor," he wrote. "Only McGuire on the table with tubes in his arms from the wall."

Prison officials said that the experimental drug was administered to McGuire at 10:28. "I first noticed McGuire convulse, then [a] gasp. . .a violent snore,

a guttural intake. . .then [he] gasped again." The family asked how it could go on for so long.

Sweigart noticed a last breath at 10:43 a.m. The next minute went by without movement. After being examined by a physician, McGuire was declared dead at 10:53.

"While I've never stood unblinking and watched someone die, in my job I have been to numerous crime scenes where death was present," Sweigart said. To him, while the execution was "a difficult and heavy responsibility," it was not the most difficult or emotional event of his career.

Sweigart added, "Finally, I would like to make it clear that as a journalist I am ethically bound to have no public opinion for or against the death penalty."



# Ask Mandy

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Dear Mandy

*I asked a girl out on a date. Her answer was a little confusing and I'm not sure she's interested. If so, I don't care. However, I see her weekly and things have felt kinda awkward since then. Can things normalize or am I screwed? What should I do?*

-Feeling Screwed

If you were clear with her, she'd be clear back.

I can tell you this though, girls will do anything to avoid turning a guy down. Yes, it's cruel, but we love to avoid the straight up answer 'no.'

She'll suggest bringing her friends along on a 'group date,' or she'll pretend she has to go to her brother's swim meet instead. (Pictures of her with friends will surface on Facebook later.) Whatever excuse it is, she's trying to get out of going on a date with you.

If you're really serious, you'll test the waters. Throw out some signals and see if she picks up on them.

Tell her you need a date to a wedding. She could either ignore you, pity you, or go with you because she pities you. Either way, if she says yes—you're on the right track to winning her over.

Next, you have an extra ticket to Vegas for Spring Break. Offer it to her. "My friend backed out," you say. "Wanna come along?" If she says yes and doesn't bring any friends with her, you're in the clear. This tactic, however, may be expensive and risky.

The last step to knowing whether or not she's 'into you' is by asking her to co-sign a loan with you.

If she doesn't co-sign the loan, I'm sorry. You have wasted a huge amount of time.

Or you could realize right off the bat that if she's not being straight with you she isn't into you.

If a girl likes you, you'll know.

Yikes, but it sounds like she's not.

Love,  
Mandy

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## An experience of diversity at WSU

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The recent controversy surrounding Coca-Cola's Super Bowl commercial "America is Beautiful" has many talking about language, diversity and what it is to be an American. But it made me start thinking about the diversity here at Wright State.

I transferred to WSU about a year ago, and one of the very first things I noticed was the wide variety of people that attend this school. I see many different faces every day as I walk through the tunnels and hallways to get to class.

Last semester, I sat next to a student who came here all the way from Saudi Arabia. We would often chat while waiting outside the professor's office to get some much needed help on our papers, which were both bleeding with red ink 90% of

the time. We both shared a passion for traveling and movies- it was nice to find some common ground with someone so different from myself.

That's one of the great things about diversity- the experience of being able to find things in common with someone completely different from yourself, someone of a different culture, someone who's seen and heard and tasted things you haven't. It's great to attend a college that has such a wide variety of cultures. Students are able to exchange different perspectives and ideas, which simultaneously enriches the learning experience and promotes growth in all areas of life.

I'll be the first to admit that things like language barriers can be complicated and frustrating. But it's an amazing thing when two people can work together to break through cultural differences and find

that they're really not that different from each other. The results are worth the time and effort.

Wright State has also gone beyond embracing cultural diversity; it's one of the top universities in the state when it comes to being accessible to students with disabilities. On one of my first days on campus, I met a blind student and a student who uses a wheelchair. I was immediately glad I chose a school that is so dynamic and concerned with meeting the needs of every student.

In the end, we're all human and we're all sharing this big blue planet together. Being open to different perspectives is important to our education and our experiences as college students. Super Bowl commercial or no Super Bowl commercial, I'm happy to go to a school that supports diversity and recognizes what it does for students.

## Too cool for school/school's too cool for Brandon

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It's too damn cold. Winter is one of my least favorite things about every year. Except the fact that it encapsulates Christmas, long breaks and school cancellations, winter, to me, is considered to be a big "EFF YOU" from who ever runs this damn place.

Snow, you can stay however long you want because you give me an excuse to skip class. However, think of the people who aren't really well-off with their feet: they might slip and fall, you schlong.

Wind, you're fine in spring, summer, and fall, but you have to stay away from winter, man. It's cold enough already without you here. When I approach my window to gander at the outside world before my day, it doesn't seem as though you're there and I'm happy. However, when I actually walk out the door, my collection of nose hairs turn into an icicle farm. So please, for the love of fuzzy socks, don't come around here no more.

Winter, you female dog. Get the

hell out of here already. I know we're only around the middle of February, but please, we're dying out here. If we all keep going to class, our ears will face an inevitable death like that kid's in The Jungle (they'll fall off). If you're going to be so frickin' freezing Mr. Bigglesworth, go a little bit further so Wright State will man up and shut the university down. If not, I'll have to resort to skipping class like I did last semester - a total of 26 times. Let's actually talk about that for a bit.

Now I know what you're thinking, I'm aware of what you're trying to say, and the answer is "nnn-yes," I passed all my classes with flying colors. "HOW?!" Well, the secret is (apparently) not to study, and to attend as little class as possible. Please, take it from the best. Okay, okay, they were General Education requirements, so what? I still managed to receive all A's and one B+; I think that pretty awesome for not going OR studying.

"Brandon, college gets harder." Let me dream, will ya? Seriously, maybe if I'm in the mind-

set that I'll succeed by idolizing The Big Lebowski, I'll actually succeed by idolizing The Big Lebowski.

I started not going to class early this semester; I'm at a good 7 as of right now. However, it wasn't until a recently befriended friend of mine stated, "Brandon, you already used up three of your six allowed absences for English and this is only the second week of school; you have to start coming more often." I had a realization in that moment that went a little something like this: "wow, people other than me can be right sometimes." I took his recommendation, and haven't skipped a class since. I'm proud of that and you should be too. We are paying to go here, you know.

Please take my advice and go to class; it will improve your learning abilities, decrease time needed for studying, and ultimately enhance your grades. Who knows; maybe those grades will get you a scholarship or two.

Ah who am I kidding? Let's ALL skip class and beat winter's ass.

## The Ohio Column: Possible changes coming to student health care

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Last year, Ohio General Assembly Representative Michael Henne (R- OH 40) explored new ways to lower costs and increase accessibility for students pursuing higher education in the Buckeye State.

Most of Ohio's universities and colleges require students to obtain health insurance as a prerequisite to enrollment and living on campus.

As the Ohio Student Government Association (OSGA) pointed out, this requirement often acted as a financial barrier for students seeking or continuing

education at the collegiate level.

There are even cases of students who possessed health insurance from non-university sources being additionally charged for university health insurance simply because they failed to specify that they did not need the service.

This form of inadvertent mandate imposed by universities on their students will undoubtedly prove redundant in our post-Affordable Care Act world. HB 348 would do away with this default setting.

Simply put, if the bill were to pass, health care through a university would remain an option, but it would not be a re-

quirement, nor an assumption (meaning no more unchecking that box upon registering). The default assumption will be that students do not require health care through their learning institution unless they tell the school otherwise.

Rep. Hagan (R-OH 50), the youngest representative ever elected to the State House, is the vice-chair of the Higher Education Study Committee and the co-sponsor of the bill. Rep. Henne also serves on the committee.

OSGA, which represents over 230,000 students in Ohio, has yet to publish an official position on the bill following its an-

nual statewide conference, saying that further research and consideration regarding the Affordable Care Act and HB 386 relationship is needed prior to making a defining statement. The stunted implementation of the ACA is most likely the root of OSGA's concern. The council expressed in a statement that,

"What we don't want to see are increased premiums because low-risk students left the pool or universities shutting down insurance programs and forcing students into the more expensive, more chaotic individual market."

The new bill would better recognize the modern, non-

traditional lifestyle and age of many students. Many students because of their age now have access to work-based insurance plans. In addition, many other students are able to remain within their parents' health plans. This is not an exhaustive list of alternatives to school-based health plans, but both are common and indicative of the need for a change.

Despite initial apprehension, they (OSGA) did communicate that the organization supports Rep. Henne's motives and mindset in pursuing this brand of reform, and that they are supportive of a full functional ACA.

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engineering student William Flaherty, expressed dissatisfaction with how the WSU Police Department (WSUPD) handled the situation in an email.

"I don't really know how helpful they were," Flaherty wrote. "I didn't really feel they were too friendly at first when I was trying to file a report. It took me an extra day because the times they could take the report weren't very flexible, and because I had no working car for a few days, I wasn't very flexible either."

WSUPD Chief David Finnie responded to these criticisms in an email.

"I'm not really sure what the victim means about how he felt we could have been more helpful. I know we are facilitating directed patrols in the parking lots where these thefts have occurred to be visible to all," Finnie wrote. "We are following up on all and any leads developed through these incidents with the information that is given to us by the victims. We will continue to work diligently on these thefts."

Conversely, Hakoyama was pleased with the WSUPD's response.

"WSUPD was sympathetic," Hakoyama wrote. "I think they provided me with the best response in that particular situation."

Flaherty was also displeased with the state of parking lot se-

curity.

"The police couldn't help much because there aren't any cameras in the parking lot, and that's kind of a shame seeing how much money all the commuters collectively spend to

park here at Wright State," Flaherty wrote. "The officer who took my report told me that this happens every other year or so, but in talking to people around the school, it sounds as if this happened last year, too. I would

hope that they would at least now consider purchasing cameras for the parking lots."

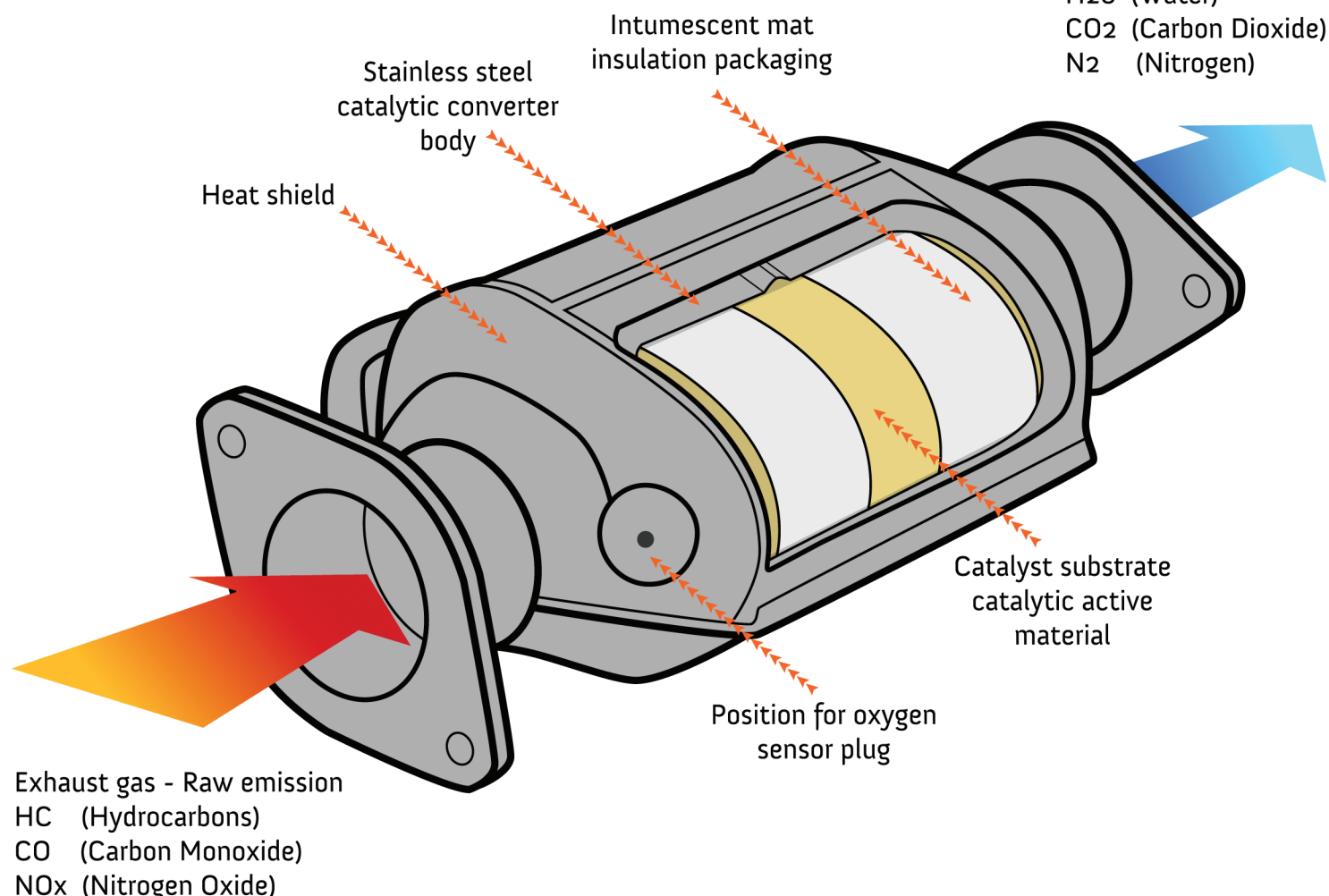
Hakoyama also feels less secure in the parking lots.

"Maybe I feel less secure, but I don't feel threatened," Hakoya-

ma wrote. "The thieves should be afraid of me, though."

There are no suspects for these crimes at this time, according to Captain David Ratliff of the WSUPD.

## What does a catalytic converter do?



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## Women's Basketball: Raiders vs. Flames

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**1** - Guard Tay'ler Mingo was named Horizon League Player of the Week for her performance Saturday against UIC. Mingo scored 25 points and led the team with 9 assists.

**2** - Guard Courtney Boyd (23) battles for position with center Katie Hannemann.

**3** - Raiders head coach Mike Bradbury coaches in the second half against UIC sans sports coat.

**5** - Guard Kim Demmings contests the dribble of guard Rachel Story. **4, 6** - Guard KC Elkins in action against the Flames Saturday.



# WSU alumni create marketing firm

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Wright State University Alumni Richard Kaiser and Philip Roestamadji recently co-founded their own marketing firm, Lion and Panda, which seeks to merge the models of big marketing agencies and freelancers to better suit businesses and change the face of marketing in the Midwest.

Kaiser and Roestamadji met each other at a marketing event held through WSU and bonded over their mutual dissatisfaction with the industry. They eventually found that their individual experiences in marketing were complementary.

"We've spent five years hanging out at bars and coffee shops just talking about why the model didn't work," said Kaiser. "Philip had complaints about agencies from the corporate side and I had complaints about the corporations from the agency side. We were thinking about how to work these conflicts out."

These discussions grew from mere complaining to actual planning.

"Looking at it, we kept saying that someone should do a model like [we planned], because it would be so great," said Kaiser. "After about five years we decided that we could do it. Now we're taking that jump."

Once they officially started building their model, Roestamadji and Kaiser gathered opinions from businesses about what they truly wanted out of a marketing firm.

"They listed off all of the things that we represent today," said Roestamadji, "being agile,

custom building relationships instead of selling a couple of products, being someone they can count on and working as an arm of their business with them. Between what Richard and I were talking about and what we heard from others, it became apparent that this would be a viable model."

In particular, the scope of what their model can offer businesses is wider than that of the average agency model, working in different types of media like video and photography.

Kaiser said Lion and Panda's biggest advantage is that it can offer "everything."

"One of the faults of most other agencies is that they have their wheelhouse that they're comfortable working in," said Kaiser. "They have a full-time staff, so they have to keep selling the same types of projects. We don't have to. We've got resources that we can tap into. If budget is a concern then we can scale it at any degree."

Kaiser and Roestamadji hope that their marketing techniques will help small businesses in the area grow, causing them to hire more and expanding the local economy.

In addition to that, they hope to change the way business is done and influence future generations to think radically.

"One of the things we encourage a lot of young people is that you don't have to stick with the old nine-to-five," said Roestamadji. "You can be innovative and create a new path for yourself and kind of embrace the things that Dayton's legacy represents: innovation and creativity."



## The Graduate Series: The interview

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"So why did you leave your previous job?" or "Why did you get fired or laid off?" This is a tricky one. If you answer it the way you think your future employer would want, you feel like you're lying, but if you answer it with your true feelings, it might go south pretty quickly—losing you the job. So how do you answer and still stay in the clear with your potential boss?

**Don't badmouth your previous boss.** It looks bad to your future employer—the more you talk bad about your boss, the more they start to wonder if you would do the same thing to them later on. Put your hurt or angry feelings aside.

**Stay positive.** Be optimistic about moving forward from your previous job. Don't count all the things that were wrong with your last job. "I wasn't being challenged at my last job" means the same thing but is much more compelling than "It was boring and I hated it."

**Honesty is the best policy.** Lying right off the bat is not going to get you very far. If things got ugly when you left your last position, say something along the lines of "We didn't mesh well." Honest, without having to go into much detail.

**Don't ramble.** Just two to three sentences should keep you in the clear. The more you ramble on and add random statements, the more tedious

the conversation becomes.

**Be direct and focus on your future.** You need to have a forward-thinking mindset. Yes, they want you to answer the question, but they really want to hear what you can do for them. Do you think this new job will help you learn valuable skills or grow as a professional?

**Make them remember you.** Highlight your strengths. You need to leave an impression that will stick out in their mind when you leave their office.

## Post Secondary Enrollment Option Students

Consider completing  
COM 1010 Essentials of Speech  
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## Fighting fire in Alaska

*Wright State grad and former wildland firefighter Daniel Hatfield*



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Hatfield's crew member prepares to clear fire containment area.

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Wright State alum Daniel Hatfield graduated in 2013 with a degree in criminal justice, but before that he worked in Alaska as a wildland firefighter, delving into the wilderness to control wildfires and keep them from engulfing cabins and spreading into residential areas.

Hatfield, originally from Fairbanks, Alaska, said he got into the business with help from his brother who worked in the same position.

According to Hatfield, there are multiple ways wildfires are started, including lightning and campers neglecting their fires. Even the trees themselves contribute to it.

"The trees up there reproduce by fire," said Hatfield. "The sap that they excrete contains a kerosene-like accelerant that catches fire and pops off the pine cones kind of like popcorn. That's how they reseed."

The job of a wildland firefighter does not always involve putting out the blaze. Sometimes, according to Hatfield, they let the fire burn in order to cleanse the forest and help the environment, but they need to keep it contained to protect Alaskan citizens.

During his time in the field, Hatfield said he would camp out in the wilderness for weeks

at a time, waking up at 5 a.m. daily to meet with the crew and establish the day's objectives.



After that, they would travel to the fire site either by hiking a few miles or taking a helicopter.

Once they reach the fire, they set up water pumps in nearby

rivers and begin cutting down any vegetation taller than four inches to remove anything that will fuel the fire and to keep it from spreading, including trees.

Hatfield worked on the saw crew as a sawyer, cutting down any trees that were near the fire. Hatfield personally cut down trees reaching heights of 30-40 feet in Alaska and 200-250 feet in California and the surrounding states. Sometimes he even cut them down after they had been ignited.

"One time the fire jumped out of the area of containment and caught another tree on fire. I had to get in there and cut down

a 150 foot tree that was engulfed in flames. The pine needles and branches were burning up above me," said Hatfield.

Dealing with fire requires quick action and doesn't allow for much downtime. Hatfield said the typical work day lasted around 16 hours, but he stated that he has worked shifts lasting up to 32 hours.

Although it's a tough job, Hatfield said he enjoyed his time as a wildland firefighter, and built life-long friendships with the other members of his crew.

"It was the best job I've ever had. The most physically demanding, the most stressful, but the most rewarding. Being able to save a person's house is definitely worth it."





# Baby Steps: Richelle van der Keijl's long road to recovery

## Raiders center makes gradual progress towards '14-'15 return



Photo by Andrew Smith: Sports Editor  
Richelle van der Keijl has spent many practices exercising on a stationary bike.

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**R**ichelle van der Keijl is a hard person to miss. The sophomore center for the Wright State women's basketball team stands 6-5 and towers over most her teammates by several inches.

But anyone that has attended a Raiders game this season has certainly noticed that van der Keijl has never dressed in her grey or black basketball jersey. An Achilles injury in October sidelined her for the entire season.

While she will not make her impact felt this season, van der Keijl has made strides off the court, progressing ahead of schedule in her physical rehab.

As Van der Keijl describes it, the injury occurred while the Delft, The Netherlands product was retrieving a ball during a layup drill. She heard a pop and knew something was wrong.

"It was the first practice, like the first seven minutes. I just had to grab a ball from the chair and make a layup. And I think when I turned, something popped in my calf," Van der Keijl said. "I didn't hear it, [assistant coach] Keith [Freeman] said he heard it, but it felt sort of like

a cramp. At first, I didn't think it was that bad, but I couldn't walk on it, so after, I think about a week, we found out what it was."

"It" was a torn Achilles – the strongest tendon in the body that usually measures about 6 inches in length and connects the calf muscle to the heel. Recovery time for Achilles injuries can range anywhere from six months to over a year.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Brad Muse said Van der Keijl went through a series of tests that included two MRIs, x-rays, diagnostic ultrasounds and visiting three different physicians within a week. Soon after, van der Keijl went in for surgery.

"It's her first time over [in the U.S.]...so we wanted to make sure we were taking good care of her, too. We had the surgery [performed] about a week out. For the surgery, what they do is they take those two loose ends that have torn apart and reattach them," Muse said.

Following successful surgery, Muse said Van der Keijl had little choice but to take it easy. Her choice of footwear went from bandages to a boot.

"That's probably the toughest part. You have to be in that boot

24/7, because if you let that heel drop, you risk tearing that healing tendon because it's already at a weakened state."

Van der Keijl was then relegated to the role of observer as the season progressed. During practices, she took a seat along the wall of the practice gym inside the Setzer Pavilion/Mills Morgan Center. She clapped to encourage her teammates during end line-to-end line sprints and wheeled her knee scooter to midcourt to join in on the huddle when practiced concluded.

"Well, I didn't really like it because I came here to play and [observing] is the only thing I can do now, so it was kind of hard, especially at the beginning. Now I'm kind of used to it (laughing). But it's still hard if they lose [a game] or something," Van der Keijl said.

Junior guard Courtney Boyd knows the feeling all too well. In the opening minute of WSU's last exhibition game against Cedarville of the 2012-13 season, Boyd tore the ACL in her right knee and sat for the remainder of the year. When the Raiders practiced, Boyd ran the play clock, and much like van der Keijl did, watched from a distance.

"It sucks because...you don't

feel like you're helping the team out because you can't play," Boyd said. "It's good because I could run the clock because that is helping them out, so I'm not just sitting there doing nothing, but you don't feel like you're part of the team all the way, because you can't practice, you can't do anything and you can't play in the games."

When Van der Keijl went down, Boyd said all of her teammates made sure van der Keijl was not forgotten, even if that meant a little bit of friendly

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- Richelle van der Keijl, Raiders center

ribbing.

"I think everybody was real supportive of her and told her, 'It's ok,' and 'Things happen.' We kind of joke with her now because she limps a lot and we tell her that if she wants to get any better, she needs to quit limping," Boyd said.

Raiders head coach Mike Bradbury was hoping Van der

Keijl would be able to help a team that ended the 2012-13 season with a minus-2.2 deficit in rebounds per game and was outscored by its opponents by seven points per game.

"Well, I feel bad for her. It doesn't really have any effect on our team just because she never played. She never even practiced. So you just feel bad for her because she came a long way to play basketball. That's why they come over here. They don't come over here for any other reason, except to play,"

Bradbury said. "She's done a good job rehabbing and hopefully she'll be back next year."

The prognosis for Van der Keijl to be ready by the start of the 2014-15 season is looking up. When the Raiders took the floor against Illinois-Chicago Saturday, Van der Keijl was dishing out passes in the layup lines. She has graduated to shooting free throws during practice days and continues to strengthen her surgically-repaired tendon by using an anti-gravity treadmill, according to Muse.

It is an encouraging change of pace for Van der Keijl, who said she is pleased just to be moving around again.

"[It feels] a lot better," Van der Keijl said, laughing. "I can do stuff without asking people to go somewhere or do something for you. People always had to grab my bag and I like to be independent."



Photo by Andrew Smith: Sports Editor  
Last week, Richelle van der Keijl made her return to the court, but in limited capacity. She was seen in practice making passes to teammates.



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# Men's Basketball: Darling dazzles in final homecoming game, scores 21 during thrilling win



Forward Cole Darling returned to his home state Sunday and scored a season-high 21 points to help the Raiders edge the Golden Grizzlies 72-71.

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ROCHESTER, Mich. – Over-shadowed by an amazing come-from-behind win Sunday versus Oakland, Wright State senior forward Cole Darling had his best offensive game of the year scoring 21 in the Raiders' 72-71 victory.

In addition to the 21 he

scored, he added four assists and six rebounds while not turning the ball over.

"Darling in front of his family was off the charts," WSU head coach Billy Donlon said.

Darling, a native of Holt, Mich., likely played for the final time before his friends and family in the state of Michigan while in a WSU uniform.

"I knew there were going to be a lot of family members, a lot

of Wright State fans but didn't know it was going to be that many," Darling said. "It is great we have that kind of support all the way up here and then my family here. It is great to know everywhere we go, we'll have that support."

Teammate AJ Pacher, who also had a solid performance Sunday by notching his first career double-double, noted the importance of Darling's performance.

"Darling played really hard today," Pacher said. "It was awesome to come back here a second time from where he is from and played so hard."

Darling has battled multiple ankle and shoulder injuries the last 13 months. He recently took two games off to rest his injured shoulder. Since returning, Darling has averaged over 17 points in three contests.

Late in Sunday's game, Darling fought for a rebound on a free throw and landed on the sideline in pain. It was a sight that has not been uncommon for Darling of late. Thankfully for him, he only missed a few minutes of action before returning to the tight contest.

"I just came down on the floor and retweaked my ankle," Darling said. "I have been battling a sprained ankle lately and

retweaked it. Just gave it some time, had to get my feet back under me. I really wanted to be back out there especially this late in the season."

Darling got the Raiders' first eight points in Sunday's game. He also hit a pair of critical free throws in the final seconds of the win versus Oakland when the Raiders finished the game on a 15-4 run in the final two minutes to win by one.

Donlon said Darling was able to thrive because of the matchup Oakland posed on Darling.

"We were going to try to exploit the matchup throughout the course of the game," Donlon said.

## Drawing up the perfect play

The Raiders essentially needed to come up with two game-winning possessions late in Sunday's victory. The first resulted in Darling making two free throws with 21 seconds left. But the amount of time remaining allowed for Oakland's Duke Mondy to give the Golden Grizzlies a one-point edge with 13 seconds to go.

Donlon had to rally his troops to draw up a brand new play, a play which resulted in AJ Pacher scoring the game-winner with 1.6 seconds left.

Donlon said he learned a technique on drawing up last-minute situations from former WSU head coach and current Clemson coach Brad Brownell.

"We have a three minute segment for 80 percent of our practices where as coaches, we call it as drawing (plays) up in the sand," Donlon said. "We'll sit at half court and play five-on-five and draw them up in the sand because as the year goes on, guys know your stuff."

## Up next: Night owls rejoice

Due to ESPNU wanting to broadcast's Friday's contest, the tipoff between Wright State and Detroit was set several weeks ago for 10 p.m. in the Nutter Center.

Friday's competition is a rematch from a game played on Jan. 5 in Detroit where the Titans won 58-53. In that game, WSU went cold in the second half shooting 1-of-11 from the 3-point line and 5-of-11 at the free throw line.

A win would put WSU in a position in the Horizon League standings to be in very good shape to host a first-round home game if the Raiders do not earn the bye to the opening round.

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"But he wasn't a guy you thought would get to the big leagues."

Then Lovelady became his pitching coach and the shift began.

"He ends up hitting 90 (MPH) when we were out at Arizona State and we told him, 'dude you hit 90 miles per hour' and he was a totally different person," Lovelady said. "Just the amount of work he put in. He went from the worst runner on the team to the best runner. Lost all that weight. His body went from 14-15 percent body fat to six. It was a total transformation."

His ERA dropped to 1.10 his sophomore year and then to 0.98 his junior year before joining the Mets' organization.

Nearly eight years after throwing his final pitch in green

and gold, Smith was back using the same facilities he used as a college student. The only difference this time is he is a millionaire.

"It is just fun for me coming back and being around the younger guys and seeing their energy," Smith said. "In college, that is when everyone is having fun and it is just fun being around a bunch of young kids with energy. If I can help out and answer questions, I am there."

And players have taken advantage. When Smith walks into practice, Lovelady said the energy increases.

"You can tell all the guys go 'oh my God, Joe Smith is here -- a big leaguer is here' and they all hover around him," Lovelady said. "They don't talk to him,

just hover to see if he is teaching one guy, and another guy wants to hear what he is saying. It is amazing the energy level."

WSU senior pitcher Joey Hoelzel worked out with Smith and was listening to what the seven-year MLB veteran has to say about preparing for a season.

"He was showing me a whole bunch of things to keep your body intact and stuff like that," Hoelzel said. "At practice, we talked about basic pitching philosophies that you kind of forget about. As college kids, you tend to make the game harder than what it is but it really is not. He is telling me to stay confident and don't make the game more complex."

As for Smith, who is planning to marry LaForce in January, he is excited to continue his career

on the west coast. Smith will join forces Mike Trout, Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson in hopes of bringing the Angels their first World Series title since 2002.

"I know that last year was a disappointment, but we have a lot of talent," Smith said. "My fiancée is out there so it makes

things for us a lot easier. It is a winning organization; we have the recipe to win. That was a big factor in me signing. To get my fiancé and a winning team in the same place, I am happy."





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